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SUBJECT: CIEC AND COMMODITY DEVELOPMENTS - COMMISSION BACK
TO WORK

REF: (A) STATE 212203, (B) OECD PARIS 25279, (C) EC BRUSSELS
6308, (D) STATE 183486

1. MISSION OFFICERS DELIVERED A COPY OF THE SECRETARY'S
REPLY TO MAC EACHEN (REF A) TO EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN
EXTERNAL RELATIONS, CASPARI, WHO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR
RECEIVING THE LETTER. CASPARI SAID THAT EC HAD HEARD RE-
PORTS SIMILAR TO THESE REPORTED IN REF B THAT PEREZ GUERRERO
WAS POSITIVE IN TONE REGARDING RECONVENING OF CIEC COMMISSIONS
ON SEPTEMBER 13. EC WORKING GROUPS ON CIEC RAW MATERIALS AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 2-3 TO BEGIN
PREPARATION FOR NEXT CIEC MEETINGS.

2. CASPARI NOTED THAT EC WORKING GROUP IS ALREADY CON-
SIDERING EC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING UNCTAD
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COMMON FUND PROPOSAL. (SEE REF C.) CASPARI REITERATED HIS

PERSONAL VIEW THAT DESPITE THE FACT THAT A COMMON FUND WAS A FOOLISH IDEA, IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT SOMETHING CALLED A "COMMON FUND" WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND EC SHOULD CONSEQUENTLY DEVELOP ITS TACTICS ACCORDINGLY. I.E., IT SHOULD DEFINE A FUND WHICH WAS THE LEAST HARMFUL POSSIBLE. COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING PROPOSING TO THE MEMBER STATES THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH NAIROBI COMMODITY RESOLUTION, EC SHOULD SEND A LETTER TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT BY SEPTEMBER 30 STATING ITS VIEWS ON THE COMMON FUND. CASPARI SEES SUCH A LETTER AS A MEANS OF PULLING TOGETHER MEMBER STATE POSITIONS. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SEVERAL MEMBERS SUCH AS THE UK ARE RESISTING SENDING A LETTER. CASPARI ASKED WHETHER US PLANS TO SEND SUCH A LETTER. CASPARI ASKED WHETHER US PLANS TO SEND SUCH A LETTER. CASPARI ALSO ASKED IF THE US HAD ANY FURTHER VIEWS ON COMMON FUND. MISSION OFFICERS SAID THEY WOULD CHECK ON THESE POINTS. (MOST RECENT INSTRUCTIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED ON COMMON FUND WERE CONTAINED IN REF D.)

3. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED IF US PLANS TO SEND A LETTER TO UNCTAD SECRETARIAT ON THE COMMON FUND AND ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON US POSITION TOWARD COMMON FUND. HINTON

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